

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on March 23, 2005  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jon Tester (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 406, 3/18/2005; SB 515,  
3/18/2005  
Executive Action: SB 515

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 515

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT (D), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 515, Livestock per capita fee -- not billed if under \$5.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:16 Mr. George Harris, Administrator, Centralized Services Division, Board of Livestock, Department of Livestock

00:09:47 Mr. John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:11:36 Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Informational Testimony:

00:12:53 Dr. Tom Linfield, State Veterinarian

00:13:14 Mr. Neil Peterson, Department of Revenue

00:13:45

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:12

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:13

HEARING ON HB 406

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BOB BERGREN (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 406, Country of origin placarding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:00 Ms. Nancy Peterson, Director, Department of Agriculture

00:28:13 Mr. John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:28:28 Mr. Dennis McDonald, Rancher

00:30:42 Ms. Kelly Flaherty-Settle, Rancher

00:33:15 Mr. Dan Teigan, Chair, Northern Plains Resource Council Task Force

00:36:38 Mr. Richard Gosman, Board of Directors, Montana  
Cattlemen's Association  
00:38:46 Mr. Rod Hudson, Rancher, Director, Montana  
Cattlemen's Association  
00:39:47 Mr. Paul Ringling, Rancher  
00:40:26 Mr. Mike Polesky, Governor's Office  
00:41:28 Mr. Jack Kane, Department of Labor and Industry  
00:42:03 Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers  
Association  
00:43:42 Ms. Tamara Fetty, Montana Wool Growers Association  
00:44:27 Mr. Brooks Dailey, Montana Farmers Union  
00:46:42 Mr. Stan Frasier, Consumer  
00:47:50 Mr. Eric Somerfeld, Rancher  
00:49:40 Ms. Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm  
Economics  
00:50:27 Mr. John Lockie, Executive Director, Montana  
Cattlemen's Association  
00:51:56 Ms. Carla Johnson, Montana Cattlemen  
00:52:17 Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:53:11 Mr. Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association,  
Montana Food Distributors Association  
00:58:00 Mr. Dan Cruson, District Manager, Safeway  
01:00:32 Mr. Cory Thomas, Store Manager, Safeway  
01:00:58 Mr. Lee Anderson, General Mills

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01:03:13 Mr. McKee Anderson, Montana Food Distributors  
Association

**Informational Testimony:** None.

01:08:23

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:23

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**SEN. HANSEN** will carry **HB 406** on the Senate Floor.

01:36:28

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 515

Motion: SEN. LARSON moved that SB 515 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES made a substitute motion that SB 515 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with SEN. LARSON voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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